

ANOTHER EXCURSION.

The Strathcona Makes Trip to Sidney on Saturday.

Nanaimo, June 26.—(Special.)—The steamer Strathcona is to run an excursion to Sidney from here next Saturday. Special rates are also quoted to Victoria good to return the following Monday.

COL. LESSARD HURT.

Has Accident While on Parade at Niagara Camp.

Niagara Camp, Ont., June 26.—While out on parade yesterday morning, Col. Lessard, the officer commanding, was so severely injured through his horse taking a plunge that he had to be assisted to headquarters.

SIR DANIEL McMILLAN.

Manitoba Governor Congratulated Upon His Honors.

Winnipeg, June 26.—(Special.)—Lieut. Governor McMILLAN was showered with congratulations today upon his elevation to a knighthood. He received congratulatory cables from Lord Aberdeen, Lord Strathcona, Premier Roblin and others in London.

WIN FOR HARVARD.

Beats Yale in the Annual Boat Race.

New London, Conn., June 26.—The morning of the Yale-Harvard boat race day dawned cloudy and threatening, but by 9:30 it began to clear. The four-oared varsity race of two miles down the river was enabled to start at 2:44. Harvard immediately took the lead, and at the half mile flag was ahead by two lengths. At the mile Harvard had gained another length, and held this lead to the finish. The official time was: Harvard, 11:19; Yale, 11:25.

MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

Two Men Killed and Fourteen Wounded in Spain.

Madrid, June 26.—A gun powder magazine, at the encampment of Carabineros, five miles from here, exploded this morning. Two men were killed and 14 were injured. The shock was felt for miles. Scores of houses were damaged, the doors of the royal palace were thrown open by the force of the explosion, and many windows were smashed. The king, accompanied by the members of the household, joined the party which hurried to the scene in order to ascertain the extent of the damage.

DOLPHIN ARRIVES.

Reported to Have a Million Dollars on Board.

Vancouver, June 26.—(Special.)—The steamer Dolphin arrived here from Skagway at 1:30 this morning with \$1,000,000 in gold, which was taken to the Seattle assay office.

A patriotic concert by the scholars of the public schools was held in the Drill hall tonight. The hall was crowded with citizens. The children sang patriotic songs and went through drill evolutions very creditably. The proceeds from the sale of tickets will be devoted to the Queen's memorial fund. The licensing board sat again today. There were none of the laid-over licenses refused.

STORM SWEEP.

South Dakota Suffers Heavily from a Gale.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 26.—The storm which swept over Eastern-South Dakota and Northwestern Iowa yesterday was one of the most terrible in the history of this section. The path of the storm covered a space about 50 miles wide, and extended from Pierre, S. D., where the loss will amount to about \$50,000, to the Gulf of Mexico. The storm will be more than \$500,000. The storm was like a fierce tropical gale. Its velocity was 70 to 80, and at times 90, miles an hour.

Tippecanoe, Ind., June 26.—A destructive tornado struck the south end of here last night, and passed along a path East and West through the country.

FOR BRAVERY.

Presentation to Lake Sailors for Gallant Rescue.

Owen Sound, Ont., June 26.—The town today was in gala attire to welcome the reunion of the Grey County Old Boys, and the occasion was considered auspicious to present from the Dominion government rewards for bravery to the master and crew of the Canadian Pacific Railway company's steamship Athabasca, for saving 13 lives from the wrecked and sinking United States barge Preston in Lake Superior, during a wild storm on June 29, 1901. The town hall was packed to the doors and thousands were turned away. Mayor Reid occupied the chair and called upon Dr. Horsey, M.P., to make the presentation on behalf of the Dominion government.

Capt. George McDougall was presented with a handsome sterling silver water pitcher; First Mate McPhee with a splendid pair of binoculars; Chief Engineer Wm. Lockyer with a gold medal, and the rest of the crew with silver medals, all suitably engraved. Commemorative of the occasion, Dr. Horsey characterized the rescue as one of the most heroic and humane he had ever heard of. He was indelible in his efforts in successfully securing the well deserved recognition.

Dr. Springle lauded the captain and crew for their bravery, declaring the record would be handed down to posterity.

Mr. M. Stewart Dunlop, tax commissioner for the C. P. R., who was a passenger on the steamer, made a capital speech, relating to the story of the various rescues, and on behalf of the railway thanked the government for the distinction conferred upon the officers and crew of the company's vessel.

Capt. McDougall responded suitably and deafening cheers. The captain was previously presented with an illuminated address by the passengers. A parchment certificate by the Royal Humane Association of Canada for distinguished bravery, and a splendid gold watch and chain from the President of the United States for his humane and gallant service.

The Grey Old Boys spend two days here and have the freedom of the town.

To be free from sick headache, biliousness, constipation, etc., use Carter's Little Liver Pills. Strictly vegetable. They gently stimulate the liver and free the stomach from bile.

MARTELL'S

THREE STAR BRANDY.

OF ALL WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Preparing For The Conference

Colonial Premiers in London Meet and Map Out a Programme.

On Monday the Formal Gathering Takes Place in Downing Street.

Montreal, June 26.—The Star's London correspondent cables: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it is announced at the Hotel Cecil today, has recovered his normal health. He has been somewhat indisposed since his arrival owing to the rough ocean trip and fatigue incidental to trying events of the week in London. Despite the illness of the king, preparations for the colonial conference are being proceeded with. It can be easily understood that the meeting of colonial statesmen in conjunction with the Imperial home advisers of His Majesty is not easily brought about. Therefore the present unique occasion, it is felt, must be taken advantage of.

Accordingly this afternoon, colonial premiers are having preliminary meetings at the Hotel Cecil, Sir Wilfrid Laurier presiding. A sort of programme will be planned, and various matters will come in for informal discussion. Today's conference, I learn, will also touch especially upon trade matters. Today's meeting will not interfere with Monday's conference at the Colonial office, which has not been postponed despite the illness of the king.

The Colonial premiers, however, have cancelled all public engagements until the crisis at Buckingham Palace is passed. It is stated today that the Canadian coronation contingent will return to the Dominion on July 3. They, of course, share in the general disappointment in the city in the postponement of the coronation.

The Canadian share of coronation honors is favorably commented on, and recipients of titles now in London are being warmly congratulated in Anglo-Canadian circles. Mr. Gilbert Parker, a native Canadian, and member of the British House of Commons, comes in for special congratulations. Sir Frederick Borden's knighthood is the outcome of his administration of the Canadian Militia department during the period of the South African war, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier's efforts in connection with Imperial penny postage are fittingly recognized.

Dealing with the honors bestowed on Gilbert Parker, the St. James Gazette says that he has not only made the question of Imperial trade his own, but also by his charming writings has done much to give people a great insight into the life, and habits, and thoughts of those most interesting sons of the Empire, the French-Canadians.

KIEL REGATTA.

Mr. Riggs' Yacht Wins Her First Race.

Kiel, June 26.—The American yacht Elm Sam, owned by Francis R. Riggs, of New York, won the first of the international special class races here today, crossing the line eight minutes ahead of all other boats.

MANOCHURIA.

Russian Troops Reported to Have Withdrawn From Moulken.

St. Petersburg, June 26.—It is said the Russian troops have already been withdrawn from Moulken; Manchuria; that Keria will be evacuated by 1903, and that the Shan-Kwan railroad will be returned to its owners by October. The Manchurian railroad guards still number 30,000 men.

ALL HOPE GONE.

Joshua Sanford Perishes in Spite of Every Effort.

Paris, Ont., June 26.—(Special.)—All hope of rescuing Joshua Sanford, who for 48 hours has been entombed at the bottom of a well, has been abandoned. The well caved in again this morning, sinking about 20 feet further. No sound came from Sanford, and it is believed he had been crushed to death. The second cave-in occurred when the rescuers were digging a second well five feet distant from the first.

LEAVING LONDON.

Foreign Representatives to Coronation Are Going Home.

London, June 26.—The exodus of foreign representatives proceeds apace. Field Marshal von Waldersee left London this morning, as did the Prince of Monaco, the Prince of Montenegro and the Dutch mission.

Replying this morning to a telegram of sympathy from a body of Aberdeenians, Gen. Sir Richard Probyn, keeper of the privy purse, telegraphed as follows: "The loyal and kind telegram of your association shall be submitted to His Majesty on His Majesty's recovery, which, thank God, we may, I think, now look forward to."

PRAYERS FOR THE KING.

Quebec, June 26.—A union intercessory service was held this morning at the Methodist church.

Montreal, June 26.—Services were held last evening in the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches for earnest prayer on behalf of the king, while the Presbyterians and Anglicans met today to offer up petitions that his life may be spared.

Toronto, June 26.—In view of His Majesty's serious illness, intercessory services were held at noon today in St. James' cathedral, and a joint service for Presbyterians in Knox church. The Baptists met at Jarvis Street church in a union prayer meeting. Services have been arranged at the Synagogue for Saturday.

Ottawa, June 26.—Services of prayer and intercession were held in several of the churches today.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 26.—The Governor, Sir Augustus Hemming, the leading official and representative citizens attended the intercessory service for King Edward at the parish church here this morning. The Archbishop of the West Indies, the Most Rev. Enos Nuttall, officiated. The United States consul was among those present.

Annual picnic by the United Presbyterian Sunday schools at Goldstream on Dominion Day, July 1. Trains leave E. & N. depot at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

GRAND FORKS RACES.

Horses Begin to Arrive For the Meet.

Grand Forks, B. C., June 26.—Nine horses, which will participate in the races here July 1 and 2, arrived today via the Great Northern from Spokane. The runners, pacers and trotters will arrive from Walla Walla, Lewiston, Spokane and Pendleton. Seventeen horses are now training here. The Calgary horses have not yet arrived.

ANOTHER PROTEST.

One Filed Against Liberal Member in Muskoka.

Toronto, June 26.—(Special.)—Conservatives have filed a protest against Dr. Bridgland, member-elect for Muskoka. A cable says Major-General Earl Dundas newly appointed G. O. C. of Canada, inspected the Canadian contingent at Alexandra Palace on Wednesday, and highly complimented the Queen's Own Rifles, but on their solidly appearance and unexcelled marching music.

VISITORS FROM SOUTH.

Men of Means From United States Visiting the Northwest.

Winnipeg, June 26.—(Special.)—Winnipeg today entertained about a dozen distinguished visitors from Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. The visitors comprised delegates from the Minnesota State Bankers' association to the number of 200, and another consisting of the president, vice-president and general manager of the Saskatchewan Land company. The latter excursion numbered 150, and included in the party were some of the wealthiest and most representative men of Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis. The excursionists were accorded a warm welcome by Winnipeg.

In the afternoon luncheon was served, after which the visitors were guests at the local gymnasium. The bankers' party returned South this evening. The land party go by special train from Winnipeg to Prince Albert, where they inspect the lands recently purchased by the Saskatchewan company, returning here on Sunday. The object of the excursion is to let the moneyed men of the United States see the extent and the possibilities of the Canadian Northwest, and more especially that part in which the Saskatchewan Land company is interested. The entire party is being entertained by Col. Davidson, president of the company, who chartered a whole train to transport it.

SPORTSMEN ASSOCIATION.

Result of First Day's Shooting at Portland.

Portland, June 26.—(Special.)—The opening programme of the 10th annual meeting of the Sportsmen's association was held here today about a hundred participants being present. Interest centred in the three men team contest, the first place in which was tied between two Tacoma teams, and the second secured by a Spokane team. The tie will be played off tomorrow. The tie to the regular programme of ten events. Sixteen squads of marksmen are here from the Northwest.

The events contested for today were in number, representing a total of 100 worth of cash prizes and trophies. The best individual shots of the day were Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Sheard, of Tacoma; J. B. Royart, of Medford, and J. Hillis, of Montana. The most important event of the tournament will take place tomorrow for the handsome trophy presented to the association in 1889 by the Tacoma Morning News.

Among those in attendance are Fred. McBroome of Spokane, W. A. Sever and B. E. Drake of San Francisco, E. C. Garrett of Seattle, Pete Holohan of Wallace, Idaho, J. J. Bryant of Medford, the Sheards from Tacoma, and many prominent people from Portland. Among the best teams are the Drake team, the King team and the Mul-tomah Rod and Gun club team of Portland.

YALE WINS.

Makes Fast Time in Race Against Harvard.

New London, Conn., June 26.—Rowing within ten seconds of the record time, Yale university crew this afternoon lowered the colors of the fastest eight that Harvard has yet produced. Yale won by four boat lengths. Yale's time was 20:20; Harvard, 20:33. In the four-oared race the colors of Harvard were borne to the front. The Cambridge four won by two and a half lengths. In the freshman race, Yale's crew led the last mile until within a few feet of the finish where the Harvard crew by a magnificent jump shot, shell up against with the blue. The judges were compelled to decide that the race was a draw.

Twenty-five thousand people saw the Yale row to victory in the big varsity race, but while the crowd was great, it was the presence of President Roosevelt which made the crowd unique in the history of Yale and Harvard races. The President saw the start of all these races from aboard the Dolphin. He was anchored just above the finish line. He declined the invitation of the regatta committee to go aboard Mr. Corbett's launch, but, preferring to remain on the Dolphin, he was able to see the race from a vantage point.

After a stormy night and morning, which seemed to mean postponement of the races until a cloudless day of almost perfect weather for shell racing. The wind blew quartering on the course from the northwest, but with the exception of the varsity four-oared race, the crews could not have had much better weather. More yachts than ever before in the quarter of a century of Yale and Harvard races on the river were anchored alongside a mile and half of the course. The closeness of the varsity race brought out the greatest crowd of Yale and Harvard graduates, and undergraduates that has ever gathered in London while the presence of the President brought to the city people from many miles around the Thames.

THE AGE OF BRAIN WORK.

"In these days, half our disease comes from the neglect of the body in the overwork of the brain. In this railway age the wear and tear of labor and intellect go on without pause or self pity. We live longer than our forefathers, but we suffer more. They fatigued only the muscles, we exhaust the finer strength of the nerves." Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is the greatest medicine of this age because it is best suited to the needs of the present day. It restores and revitalizes waste nerve cells and makes the pale, weak and exhausted strong and healthy and vigorous.

WHAT NEWBORN WANTED.

"Canvases?" said the artist, flattered by the presence of the artist. "Yes, I shall be happy to show you my best canvases. Something all-decorated? Or do you prefer a landscape?" "What I want," said Mr. Newbich, the eminent contractor, with decision, is something about a yard and a half, and a yard wide, to cover some cracks in the fresco!"

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Reggie: Yarns: bought a yacht! Bertie: Not a yacht! Know how to swim? Bertie: Not a stroke! But I'm having my valet taught, don'tcher know.

Excels excursion to Ladysmith July 1. Fare only one dollar.

LOCAL NEWS.

Special Meeting.—There will be a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen this afternoon at 5 o'clock to deal with the Civic Revenue By-law.

Band Concert.—After the services at the parliament buildings last evening, the Fifth Regiment band gave a concert at Beacon Hill, when the Coronation March was played for the first time in Victoria. A good programme was rendered.

Distinguished Visitors.—There are several parties at the Driad, among them being M. E. Ingals, president of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway. He is accompanied by Mrs. Ingals, M. E. Ingals, Jr., Foy Ingals and Miss G. Ingals.

Police Drug Net.—The police gathered in a couple of veterans yesterday in the persons of James Grierson and Annie Rooney. Grierson has been up to his old tricks of supplying liquor to Indians, it being alleged that he gave Mary, an Indian woman, two bottles of beer. Mary also was arrested for having the beer in her possession. Annie Rooney only completed a term for drunkenness yesterday, and is back in a cell for the same old offence. Another arrest was made last evening, that of an Indian, for being drunk.

Eastern Visitors.—A party of Eastern gentlemen who arrived from Vancouver yesterday and are staying at the Driad, are Messrs. W. S. Stout, vice-president and general manager of the Dominion Express company, W. B. Smith, general manager Dominion Transfer company, Montreal; G. Ford, superintendent of the Dominion Express company, Winnipeg; and Mr. J. T. Vickers, general agent of the same company, at Toronto, and Smeaton White, of the Gazette, Montreal. The party came over the C. P. R. by the "Esso" line, in Mr. Stout's special car "Canada" on a run in which business is combined with pleasure. They will remain here until Saturday, when they will take the steamer for Seattle, whence they will go to the Kootenay country for a week's tour.

Death of William Beaven.—The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital yesterday of William James Beaven, son of the Hon. Robert and Mrs. Beaven. The deceased was very well known throughout the province, having for a number of years been engaged in the business of the Bank of Montreal, with whom he held responsible positions. Latterly he has been in the branch at Nelson, and it was near that city that he received injuries last night. The injury was indirectly caused by his death. The injury was to the knee, and it was found necessary to perform an operation. He was in the hospital at Nelson for some time, and as he did not progress favorably, came to Victoria. He was a native son of Victoria, and deserved the sympathy of Mr. and Mrs. Beaven have the sympathy of Victorians in their bereavement.

MIDNIGHT TUSSEL.

Taking an Outing Prisoner and What Came of It.

Late Wednesday night much firing and cracking of what was thought to be a Chinese firecracker attracted momentary attention to Macaulay Point. It was known that a nocturnal attack was to have been made sometime this week, but owing to the news from London and of the most critical state in which His Majesty was known to be, many of the officers had been called off the night. However, part of the boys in camp were kept in ignorance of what the balance of their comrades were up to, and these latter, taking their arms with them, left camp, ostensibly to take part in class firing. During the development of the subsequent imaginary attack upon the camp, part of the class-firers sought to close quarters with some of the more daring and to snuff out the tussels. In one of these officers of no mean proportions was laid hold of by a husky member of the rank and file, and in the darkness the two had a cut-throat catch-can bout, the one to hold the alleged prisoner and the other to get away. This, too, regardless of the fact that the ground over which the attack was made is also used as a cow pasture, and it is said that several of the "falls" the officer, when he returned to quarters, gave his messmates such a shock that they thought they had been struck by lightning.

PERMANENT MUSCULAR STRENGTH.—There is this to be borne in mind and these days when so many young men are giving so much attention to physical development, that there can be no permanent muscular strength where there is not blood strength. Blood strength gives blood strength, promotes digestion and assimilation, and builds up the whole system.

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BORN.

WORSLEY.—At Vancouver, B. C., on June 21st, the wife of A. Worsley, of a son.

RALPH.—At Vancouver, B. C., on June 23rd, to Mrs. Wm. Ralph, a son.

WRIGHT.—At Rosland, B. C., on June 21st, the wife of John Wright, of a son.

MELACHRONOS.—At Brodie's cannery, on June 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. George Melachronos, of a son.

VAN DUSEN.—At Ladner, B. C., on June 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Van Dusen, a daughter.

CAMPION.—At Ashcroft, B. C., on June 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Campion, a daughter.

WHITE.—At Cumberland, B. C., on June 14th, to Mrs. W. M. White, a son.

GRANT.—At Nanaimo, B. C., on June 11th, the wife of Mr. Alex. Grant, of a son.

MARRIED.

WARREN.—HUSCH.—At Greenwood, B. C., on June 25th, G. Warren, manager of the Greenwood Electric company, and Miss W. A. Husch, daughter of Mrs. Husch, of Greenwood.

ESCH.—McDONALD.—At Keelo, B. C., on June 18th, Adam Esch and Miss Bella McDonald.

DOCKRILL.—PALMER.—At Chemainus, B. C., on June 25th, Walter A. Dockrill, of Ashcroft, and Miss Mabel Palmer, daughter of Mr. Edward J. Palmer.

McRAE.—QUENNEL.—At Nanaimo, B. C., on June 25th, Malcolm McRae and Miss Annie Jane Quennell.

DIED.

BAKER.—At New Westminster, B. C., on June 26th, Richard H. Baker, aged about 62 years.

BEAUVIN.—On Thursday, 26th June, 1902, William Beauvin, formerly Beaven, second son of the Honorable Robert and Mrs. Beaven, of Victoria, British Columbia.

OLD.—At Fire Valley, B. C., on June 26th, Elsie May Holey, dearly beloved daughter of George Hildick Old and of his wife Mary Eliza, aged five weeks and five days. Interred in Fire Valley.

OLIVER.—At the family residence, Admiralty road, Esquimalt, B. C., on the 21st instant, Rebecca, the beloved wife of John Oliver of Esquimalt, a native of three of Norfolk county, Ontario, aged 50 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and later at Ross Bay cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

LUKEMAN.—At Rosland, B. C., on June 26th, Mrs. Charlotte Lukeman, beloved wife of H. Lukeman.

McKAY.—At the family residence, No. 130 Vancouver street, on the 25th inst., James, beloved son of Robert McKay, aged 46 years and a native of Prince Edward Island.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2:30 p. m., from above residence. Friends will please accept this intimation.

The overblowing of the Blue Ribbon Sea
Are you drinking it?

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION

Much Life In the Sea But No Other Land So Desolate.

From London Times.

Nowhere in the world at the level of the sea is there in such a short distance a difference in character so great as between the Paege Islands and the outposts of the Antarctic, the South Shetlands. Our Swedish expedition had its last contact with civilization at Staten Island, a few miles north of Cape Horn, where the Argentine Government has erected a magnetic observatory to co-operate with the Antarctic expeditions during the year 1902. This observatory being the base of operations, especially for the work of the Swedish expedition in adjoining parts of the Antarctic, we had the greatest interest in paying it a visit before starting.

On Jan. 6 we left the island, obtaining at the same time our last view for a long period, of the great snow-covered green forests of an almost tropical luxuriance, and vivified by bright colored flowers, by parrots and humming birds. The weather was the finest possible; when passing the Paege Islands, the sea was calm, and the air was clear and bright. The wind and almost a smooth sea, and during the whole of our crossing of the Drake Strait no ice came in sight.

What a difference in five days of slow sailing later than this. On the morning of the 11th all on board could know that we were in a new world. The air was cold, and the water at the freezing point, but the land itself was hidden by the fog. Suddenly the fog lifted, and unveiled to our view in its unsurpassed grandeur the first of the Antarctic lands to be seen. It was King George Island, in the chain of the South Shetlands.

For years I had tried to arrive in my mind at an idea of the general aspect of the Antarctic regions, but never had I expected to find so far north of the polar circle, any so wonderfully desolate a scene as that which I beheld. The island is very mountainous, and some of its peaks attain a height of two or three thousand feet. Between these peaks there are broad valleys, and anywhere in the world this island would show all the contrasts of a varying nature. But now one feature only is conspicuous. Up to the highest summits everything is covered with snow and ice.

The valleys are filled by immense glaciers connecting over the ridges with their neighbors climbing the summits, and far more luxuriant than the vegetation of tropical forests. To the East or to the West there seems nowhere to be an outcrop of bare rock, and only at a few places at the edge of the sea are there some bold promontories of steep cliffs. But all along the Coast there are a number of rocky islets, often low, but always of the bold and rugged kind. In contrast with the main island, these islands are almost always completely free from snow. The whole scenery presents a type of a glaciated country, such as we have seen at the foot of the Alps, but different from Greenland, and probably also from the common view on the matter. For even in the furthest North there does not exist a land so overgrown by the snow as this island, situated in the latitude of Dronthim in the North.

The first impression, then, was one of hopeless desolation, and I could not help thinking that if this was the first view it would not be easy to work for a year or perhaps longer, still further to the South. For many hours there was not a shore to be seen where a landing could be effected. Only at the extreme west of the island was there a strip of low land. However, we did not stay there, but followed our way to another island, Nelson Island, where the name on the chart, Harmony Cove, seemed to indicate that we should find a favorable landing place.

And it was in fact a nice little place, far more inviting than one could expect after the first view of the land. The bare space was not very large, and the snow was creeping down on all sides. But, notwithstanding this, on all spots possible there grew a low vegetation of mosses, lichens, and algae of many different species, and I was at every moment wondering whether we should not find a grass or even a flowering plant. On the knolls of moss there was a rich life of small insects, and even a little beetle, the first ever found in the Antarctic, rewarded the work of the entomologist.

But with all this no land in the Arctic can ever be compared with this in poverty. On the other hand, on suitable places there is life enough, so rich even that it seems impossible it could ever be surpassed. But this life almost all depends upon the decay and decay of the net have unveiled to us a fauna so rich in numbers, so wonderfully varied in its forms, that I do not believe it is paralleled in the Arctic, and even the specialists often stand wondering before this new and unexplored life. Not only is the surface of the sea crowded by shrimps and other lower forms, but there also exists a richness of fish, some of which would probably in other parts of the world give rise to a great industry. Now all these animals in their turn provide food for other larger and higher forms. Nowhere else are the swarms of whales, some of them among the largest of their kind, nearly so numerous as here. Even the seals are crowded along every coast, and everywhere in the ice-pack. On the shore where we landed they were counted in hundreds, and they were so tame that they allowed themselves to be scratched on the neck and back.

But the most typical representative of the Antarctic regions, the one that by far outdistances the others in interest for the passing traveler, is not to be found among those animals. When approaching the shore you will be met by swarms of an animal that would hardly be recognized by anyone who did not know it before. Necessarily you will think of the flying fish when you see a long line of black spot-forms, with two fin-like appendages, throwing themselves high out of the water, only to come down again and continue their flight below its surface. Still greater is the likeness to a porpoise, and only if you feel sure that it is neither a fish nor a mammal you will fall back to the birds and recall one of their most peculiar classes—the penguins.

No birds are so much at home in the water as the penguins, but it is not there that they awake the highest interest. Thousands of penguins breed on Nelson Island, but notwithstanding that study is not only the best place to study them, but what will ever make the penguins so comic and so irresistibly attractive is their striking resemblance to a caricature of man. In this way they are only surpassed by the monkeys. Their upright position, their long neck, of course, is the principal factor to this; but the whole shape of the body contributes to the impression, which is confirmed by their method of walking, their

smooth, totally black back with the long tail bent straight down, hiding the feet. In this clear air, with only white and black, and with no means of judging the distance, have often found it difficult to make sure if it was a man or penguin that walked on the snow. Under those circumstances how irresistibly funny are not all the doings of these animals, whether they are moving in the snow and rocks, or standing there talking to one another, or trying with clumsy movements to jump up a steep slope. When standing near they irresistibly remind one of a fat little man elegantly dressed in black evening coat with white waistcoat. Correspondence London Times.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

PRICES BEING PAID FARMERS.

(By W. G. Dickenson.)	
Hay, per ton	\$20
Oats, per ton	\$22
Wheat, per ton	\$25
Barley, per ton	\$25
Beans, per ton	\$25
Peas, per ton	\$25
Apples, per ton	\$25
Potatoes, per ton	\$25

STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

(By B. C. Stock Exchange, Ltd.)

New York, June 26.—The following quotations ruled on the Produce Exchange today:	
Wheat	79 1/2
Corn	77 1/2
Chicago Corn	77 1/2
Chicago Pork	18 1/2

New York, June 26.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	
Open	120 1/2
High	121 1/2
Low	120 1/2
Close	121 1/2
American Sugar	
Open	10 1/2
High	10 3/4
Low	10 1/2
Close	10 3/4
U. S. Steel	
Open	37 1/2
High	38 1/4
Low	37 1/2
Close	38 1/4
Manhattan	
Open	131 1/2
High	132 1/4
Low	131 1/2
Close	132 1/4
St. Paul	
Open	97 1/2
High	98 1/4
Low	97 1/2
Close	98 1/4
Union Pacific	
Open	104 1/2
High	105 1/4
Low	104 1/2
Close	105 1/4
Louis. & Nash.	
Open	135 1/2
High	136 1/4
Low	135 1/2
Close	136 1/4
Mo. Pacific	
Open	108 1/2
High	109 1/4
Low	108 1/2
Close	109 1/4
Atchafalpa	
Open	81 1/2
High	82 1/4
Low	81 1/2
Close	82 1/4

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, June 26.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

American Sugar	120	121
American Smelting & Refining	47 1/2	47 1/2
Amesbury	10 1/2	10 3/4
Atchafalpa	81 1/2	81 1/2
Atchafalpa	100 1/2	100 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	17 1/2	17 1/2
California Fuel & Iron com.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	67 1/2	67 1/2
Canada Southern	12 1/2	12 1/2
Chesapeake & Atlantic	40 1/2	40 1/2
Chicago & Northwestern	25 1/2	25 1/2
Rock Island	17 1/2	17 1/2
St. Paul	97 1/2	97 1/2
Colorado Southern	31	31
Consolidated Gas	22 1/2	22 1/2
Cleveland Fuel & Iron com.	13 1/2	13 1/2
Commercial Produce	28	28
Delaware & Hudson	17 1/2	17 1/2
Delaware & Maryland	10 1/2	10 1/2
Duluth, S.S.&C.	16 1/2	16 1/2
East Northern pfd.	187 1/2	187 1/2
Kansas & Texas	50	50
Kansas & Oklahoma	50	50
Kentucky & Nashville	30 1/2	30 1/2
Manhattan Elevated	31 1/2	31 1/2
Missouri Pacific	148 1/2	148 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	148 1/2	148 1/2
New York Central	155 1/2	155 1/2
Norfolk Railway	67 1/2	67 1/2
Norfolk Railway 1st pfd.	67 1/2	67 1/2
Norfolk Railway 2nd pfd.	52 1/2	52 1/2
Norfolk Railway & Western	67 1/2	67 1/2
Pacific Mail	41 1/2	41 1/2
Pennsylvania Railway	151 1/2	151 1/2
Pennsylvania Railway & Western	40 1/2	40 1/2
Pressed Steel pfd.	81 1/2	81 1/2
People's Gas	101 1/2	101 1/2
Reading & Reading	40 1/2	40 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading 1st pfd.	81	81
Philadelphia & Reading 2nd pfd.	71	71
Portland Railway	33	33
Puerto Rico	43 1/2	43 1/2
Seas & Pacific	100 1/2	100 1/2
United States Leather	125 1/2	125 1/2
United States Steel	80	80
United States Steel pfd.	80	80
Union Pacific com.	105	105
Union Pacific pfd.	82 1/2	82 1/2
Utah	20 1/2	20 1/2
Utah	46 1/2	46 1/2
Wisconsin Central	49 1/2	49 1/2
Wisconsin Central	49 1/2	49 1/2
Commercial Cable	170	170

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THE KING.

The cheering news from London last
night of the exceedingly favorable pro-
gress of His Majesty will be hailed with
joy throughout the Empire. No doubt
it is yet too soon to regard his recovery
as certain, but apparently the patient's
chances are far brighter than they were
two days ago, when few people had
more than a faint hope of his surviving.

THE AMERICAN INVASION.

For the last year our ears have been
filled with stories of the invasion of
British industry by American capital.
The American newspapers have been
full of it, and the British newspapers
and reviews have taken alarm, have
been devoting a great deal of attention
to it for some time. This invasion cul-
minated in the Atlantic shipping trust
and there is every reason to believe
that it has stopped there for a while.
There have been two circumstances
contributing to extensive American in-
vestment in British securities and in-
dustrial undertakings. The first of these
was the war. Great Britain has invested
over a billion dollars in the South
African war. This capital had to come
from somewhere. It was withdrawn
from industry and other investments.
This process naturally lowered the
prices of stocks and raised the value
of money to such an extent that gilt-edged
securities returned a lower rate of in-
terest in New York than the same class
of security did in London. Naturally
an equilibrium was reached by the
transference of money from New York
to London, or what is the same thing,
the investment of money due the Amer-
icans in British securities. The second
cause was the fact that the balance of
trade in favor of the United States
amounted in 1901 to the enormous sum
of \$644,592,826, of which interest pay-
able abroad and expense of foreign travel
only consumed \$200,000,000, leaving
\$444,592,826 which had either to be
taken out in imports, remitted in mo-
ney, or used in the creation of interest bear-
ing credits abroad. The tariff prevented
imports. Remittance in bullion was
an obvious impossibility, because
prices would have risen so enormously
in the United States that the money
would have immediately poured out of
the country again to purchase goods
which no tariff could make so expensive
as home products would have become.
The only recourse therefore was to in-
vest the balance abroad, and Great
Britain offered the most favorable
chances because there was a demand
for money there for war purposes. Con-
ditions have entirely changed during
the last year, however, and changed in
a direction which the best authorities in
the United States never contemplated,
and which may lead to entirely unfore-
seen results. Prices have risen in the
United States in a great many articles
which that country was in the habit of
exporting far above their export value.
The tendency therefore has been for
the United States to become an import-
ing country instead of an exporting
country in these commodities. Pig iron,
steel rails, copper and leather may be
mentioned, but there are many others. It

is true that the United States has
dumped a lot of copper at the export
price, but that is a way of doing busi-
ness which cannot remain profitable
very long. The change is very clearly
shown in the balance of trade for the
nine months ending in March, which
was \$402,237,000 in 1902, as compared
with \$540,242,000 in 1901, a decrease of
\$138,005,000. This has occurred in
spite of Mr. Gage's opinion that the
balance of trade in favor of the United
States would go on increasing. The
process here exemplified is still going
on in even a more marked degree. Now,
how does this affect the American in-
vasion? A great many of the industries
in Great Britain purchased have been
taken over on the basis of part cash and
the balance on time, and the ability of
the United States to pay has been
diminished by \$138,005,000, which dimi-
nution was entirely unexpected. Of
course the American financiers can
make good their obligations, but they
can only make them good by the sale
of other securities they own. If they
sell them in America and export the
bullion, American prices will fall and
the British sellers will be able to buy
at a low price American securities with
the purchase money for their own se-
curities which in many instances they
have parted at a fancy figure. Whether
this process which is now visible
in the export and import trade of
the United States will go so far as to
precipitate a financial panic there is
doubtful, but it may be safely hazard-
ed that there will be a heavy decline
in prices all round. When a country
like the United States finds itself in the
position of rapidly increasing its im-
portations of such material as pig iron, it
is high time to look out for squalls; and
the fact that it has been overtrading in
foreign securities is not likely to dimi-
nish the effect of the reaction.

CROWN PREROGATIVES.

For the naive and touching display of
ignorance regarding the functions and
prerogatives of the Crown commend us
to an article which lately appeared in
the New Westminster Columbian. One
paragraph we quote as containing in a
few words the most complete and con-
cisely represented misconception of the
position and duties of a Lieutenant-
Governor we ever had the pleasure of
reading. It runs as follows:

The Lieutenant-Governor is the re-
feree in the game of provincial politics.
There are certain well established rules
which he is supposed to have carried
out. There is no way of compelling
him to do his duty in this respect,
just as there is not in the case of a
referee in matters of sport; but as in
sporting matters the services of a re-
feree who proves unequal to the task he
undertakes are ended as soon as possi-
ble, so it should be in politics. If a
Lieutenant-Governor is too dull, too
dull of comprehension, or too timid to check
rascality brought to his attention, he
ought to be retired.

In order to fully understand the gross
absurdity of this position, let us trans-
late it into terms of the King, whose
vicegerent the Lieutenant-Governor is
in matters coming under the jurisdiction
of provinces. It would then read: "The
King is the referee in the game of im-
perial politics. There are certain well
established rules which He is supposed
to have carried out. There is no way
of compelling Him to do His duty in
this respect, just as there is not in the
case of a referee in matters of sport;
but as in sporting matters the services
of a referee who proves unequal to the
task he undertakes are ended as soon
as possible, so it should be in politics.
If a King is too old, too dull of com-
prehension, or too timid to check rascality
brought to His attention, He ought to
be retired." Now, could a worse
mixture of disloyalty and ignorance
be imagined than that? It first
invests the Crown with an irresponsible
prerogative which it does not possess,
and then proceeds to abuse it for not
exercising that prerogative in accordance
with what? The advice of its minis-
ters? No! The deliberations of parlia-
ment? No! Private judgment? No!
In accordance with what some wholly
irresponsible person considers should be
the King's private judgment under cer-
tain circumstances. The institution of
monarchy could not survive such a
theory of the constitution one week. The
only reason why a Lieutenant-Governor,
or a King either, for that matter, should
be retired, would be for an attempt to
exercise such a prerogative as that in-
dicated, not rightly nor wrongly, but
at all. Some of us seem to be forget-
ting that we live in a free country
without the spectacle of irresponsible
power presented by the American execu-
tive. That, fortunately for the United
States, is limited in point of duration,
but not, unfortunately for the United
States, in point of prerogative during
its term of office.

THE A. P. AGAIN.

The Associated Press has been rubbing
it in rather hard lately. On Wednes-
day we were gravely informed that "in
the camps of the colonial and other visit-
ing troops, the Mohammedans, fire wor-
shippers, Brahmins, British worship-
pers, whether from China, Borneo, Fiji,
Central Africa, or Hindustan, or from
Canada, the usual hour for prayer finds
them supplicating their deity on behalf
of the King." We wonder to which of
these religions the Canadian troops
have been converted since they left these
shores. Yesterday we were told through
the same medium in description of the
intercessory service at St. Paul's cathed-
ral: "In the chancel, were Joseph H.
Choate, United States ambassador;
Whitehall Reid, special ambassador of
the United States to the coronation; J.
Pierpont Morgan, Jr., and leading mem-
bers of the nobility." Literally this
may be correct, but it reminds us of the
Irish member of parliament who intro-
duced a petition to the House of Com-
mons with the statement that it had
been signed by four thousand Christians
and three bishops. "J. Pierpont Morgan,
Junior, and leading members of the no-
bility" is great.

With twenty large ocean liners mak-
ing Victoria their first and last port of
call inwards and outwards on their
trans-Pacific voyages, this city is in a
position to command the Oriental trade.
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TELEPHONE 55.

THE LEADING GROCERS.

The Coronation decorations at the Am-
erican embassy in London were con-
spicuous for the presence of a number
of so-called American flags which sported
an incorrect number of stars and
stripes.

Spokane is agitating for the abolition
of side-door entrances to saloons. In
many United States cities these so-called
"family entrances" are an absolute
abomination and should be done away
with.

The Port Essington Star is the title
of the latest addition to the rapidly
growing family of provincial journals.
Though diminutive, its pages, measuring
six by eight inches, it gives internal
evidence of a healthy and rapid growth
in the near future. With the backing
of the rich territory tributary to that
Northern town, the little Star should
prosper and literally "fill a long-felt
want."

California, that mundane piece of
Paradise, is threatened with a plague,
and now strychnine and arsenic are
in demand. The plague is the periodical
re-appearance of myriads of grasshop-
pers, which, in many parts of the state,
threaten an absolutely total destruction
of the crops, which up to the present
gave promise of being unusually heavy.
Sweetened bran mash saturated with
the most deadly poisons is advocated as
the only relief, while in some counties
whole districts, crops and all, are being
burnt over in the fight against the pests.
What with San Jose scale, politics, the
cut worm and "hoppers," the denizens of
the earthly paradise lead a somewhat
strenuous life.

A Massachusetts judge has decided
that it is impossible for a man to be-
come intoxicated according to the defini-
tion of the law, unless he is prepared
to admit that it was his deliberate in-
tention in inebriating freely to so become.
One Alexander McDonald was haled
before him, charged with intoxication.
The evidence proved that the accused
was hopelessly drunk. There was no
doubt about the truth of the soft im-
peachment, the athletic development of
his breath being such that the arresting
officer was almost overpowered. The
judge then asked the prisoner if he had
anything to say, and on the latter shak-
ing his head, the judge proceeded to de-
liver the judgment, which, if the pris-
oner had not sobered up at the time,
must have completed the operation. If
this decision is good Massachusetts law,
what a vista of potential possibilities
does it open up to the drinker who
goes in loudly, fear of the magisterial
troop "in the morning."

Commandant Kemp, General Delar-
cy's second in command, in a recent in-
terview, in which some interesting fig-
ures are given, states that at the outset
of the war, the Boers had nearly 50,-
000 men in the field, which, in view of
the number of prisoners and surren-
ders before and since the peace, to-
gether with killed and wounded, must
be below the mark. And this proves in
another instance the lack of correct in-
formation under which the British army
in the field had to contend. Commandant
Kemp also said that only 1,500 out of
5,000 available fought at Colenso, where
the Boer losses were not heavy. At
Spion Kop, where the British suffer-
ed so much, the Boers had only 50
men killed. In one of the fights outside
of Ladysmith the Boers had 50 men kill-
ed and over 100 wounded. Their losses
were heavier at Brankpan and Vlak-
fontein. The Boers were often wor-
ried by the British shrapnel and lydie
guns, but when entrenched they did not
fear the shells. Members of the Boer
forces often managed to get into Ja-
hannaburg, Krugersdorp and Pretoria,
securing valuable information, and fre-
quently crossed the blockhouse line at
night. Commandant Kemp did not al-
low the Boers of his command to wear
khaki, the British uniform.



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must give way to the im-
provements of an advanced
age. The ancient town
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their proper duties.
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The Shah of Persia, Muzaffar-ed-Din
("He Who Causes the Faith to Tri-
umph") on route to London recently, is
said to have made the King of Italy a
present of a diamond ring of the value
of \$5,000,000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

WATER RATES.

Sir—Most of your remarks re water rates
need not be obeyed, but I object to your
statement made on the 25th inst. that
"you believe the water question would be
satisfactorily solved by the metre system."
To import carloads of meters and
place one opposite every dwelling would
not add to the water system. The cost
of meters, the subsequent cost of set-
ting and of maintenance, the cost of
naming and of traversing the same
monthly, would be no material advantage
to consumers. While a poor man would
be willing to pay \$1 a month for water,
he would naturally object to pay 25 per
cent. additional for the questionable priv-
ilege of having it measured. The water-
works are a valuable asset to the city, but
citizens should not be charged excessively
for water, because in their construction
money has been expended lavishly. Water
one of God's free gifts, should be supplied
as abundantly and inexpensively as the cost
of obtaining it from nature. Just as we
admit there is abundant water in the
lake for the use of a city five times the size
of Victoria, by all means, then, let us
have all the water we require. Meters are
foreign to the subject; attach them and we
shall discourage the use of green lawns and
their attractiveness, and the once "pretty"
Victoria become a commonplace town. I
understand, that it was never contem-
plated to charge a "frontal tax" for water. When
water was laid in front of a vacant lot it
was to be used for the purpose of irrigating
the land, and it should be supplied.
Water in front of a vacant lot does not add
to the value of that lot, for the simple rea-
son that any citizen knows he can have
the water laid on anywhere. True, there
are absentee landowners, who hide the
place, but to get at those it would be man-
ifestly unfair to impose an extra load on
the residents, who are not fortunate
enough to own vacant lots, and who are
in the anomalous position of supporting
the same burden of delivering water to
them. The city treasurer can tell
you of parties whose vacant lands have
been watered from them for years, and
withstanding the fact that such lands were
improved (by having the water main pass
in front of them). No building could be
erected on the property, and the city is
yearly deriving a good income from taxes
on vacant lands, assessed beyond their
value. That should satisfy the city. The
times improve. HUDRO.

PRESS COMMENTS.

There is one place in the interior of
Southern British Columbia that stands out
clear from almost all others as an ex-
ample of water curbing. It is a tiny ham-
let, and when it comes to getting
together and pulling together for some-
thing, it is the only place in that com-
munity. This place is the city of Grand Forks.
There is a common belief that every
way of that city, that is worth having
that an effort is not made to capture it—
Grand Forks Gazette.

The suggestion has been made that the
government establish a home for disabled
soldiers. It is the small tax of
25 cents per month on each working man.
As there are about 10,000 working
men in the province, the government will
derive an annual income of at least \$25,000
to keep up such a home, an ample sum.
This plan has been approved by the
cabinet and has many merits. The
tax would be small, would be collectible
monthly, and so would be scarcely felt—
Phoenix Pioneer.

For eleven months of the current fiscal
year Canada's foreign trade in the busi-
ness of imports for consumption and exports of
domestic merchandise exhibits an increase
of \$1,800,000, as compared with the same
period of the previous fiscal year. The
imports and exports for the former
period totalled \$13,858,313, and for the
latter \$15,658,313—Canadian Trade
Review.

Railroad freight rates for salmon this
year will be effective from all outlying
canneries in Washington and adjoining ter-
ritories. The rates will be lower than the
same freight traffic rates to the East as
those located on the railroad terminals.
The rates which the representatives
of the Northwest transcontinental
roads arrived at at the conference which
was held in Chicago a few days ago. This
year the rates will be lower than the same
period of the previous fiscal year. The
imports and exports for the former
period totalled \$13,858,313, and for the
latter \$15,658,313—Canadian Trade
Review.

Supplies is being expressed in England
that the Boers are now being equipped
with modern weapons. Between the Cape
rebel who have been captured or come in,
there is reason to think that the force the
soldiers were fighting was not much under
50,000 men. And most of the arm-chairs
strategists of the early days was
based on the idea that the army was only
50,000 or 60,000 men.—Montreal Ga-
zette.

American "land boomers" who are hand-
ling the lands of the Canadian Northwest
are said to be doing a nice business. A
syndicate that bought 300,000 acres at \$2
an acre recently sold 250,000 acres at \$3.50
without trouble at one sale to an American
colony.—S. P. Call.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

DRILL THE SCHOOL BOYS.

From Columbian:
A petition for a very interesting and
useful purpose is now being circulated
with a view to ascertaining the views of
the public. The object of this petition is
to have the School Trustees to grant a
sufficient appropriation for the systematic
drilling of boys attending our public
schools.

HUGE COPPER NUGGET.

From Shillikameen Star:
Mr. Chisholm says that late Pros., in
doing work in one of the claims in the Big
Dutchman group, found an immense nug-
get, weighing nearly 80 pounds of almost
pure copper. Similar specimens of copper
in this form were met with quite fre-
quently on this claim.

From Ladysmith Leader:
A party of Californians arrived on the
Str. Wellington Tuesday. They went
down to Chemainus River on a fishing ex-
pedition.

ANOTHER FIND.

From Shillikameen Star:
Following the discovery of platinum in
ore on Kennedy and Wolf Mountains,
comes the report of the finding of this
precious metal on a claim called the Miss
Dundas, belonging to Mr. D. Conney, and
situated on One Mile Creek, about three
miles east of Prince Rupert. The find
below a letter from the Warshaw Min-
erals Co., Ltd., of Philadelphia, Pa., dated
June 1, 1902, which is self-explanatory:
Mr. Daniel Conney.

Ojala, B. C.
Dear Sir—Having analyzed your sam-
ples No. 1, Legal Tender; No. 2, Miss
Dundas; and No. 3, Cream of Camp, sent
to us on the 8th of January, we find that
Nos. 1 and 2 contain traces of platinum
metals, and No. 3 is quite rich in
platinum metals. In fact, so rich that we
feel sure it will pay you to concentrate
some of this ore, and not to our repre-
sentative in San Francisco, Cal., Col. W. P.
Butler, so that he can make arrangements
for the purchase thereof.

Very truly yours,
The Warshaw Minerals Co., Ltd.

SPENCER'S BUILDING SALE.
Bargains for Today

WASH COSTUMES FOR CAMPERS

Ladies' Wash Suits of blue canvas, seven gore flare skirt, Eton coat,
skirt and coat trimmed with dark blue, regular \$3.50, Friday..... \$1.75
Ladies' Wash Suits of Figured Lawn, colors blue and white, black
and white, blouse trimmed with lace and velvet ribbon fastened at back,
yoke of white lawn—skirt with circular flounce, 3 rows of velvet ribbon at
head of flounce. Friday..... \$1.75
You get the whole costume for less than the price of the skirt alone.

1,000 yards Linen Huckaback Towelling; 20 inches wide, with red and
blue stripes, worth 15c. Today..... 8 1-2c a yard
Ladies' King Quality Shoes, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50. Today... \$1.50

NEW DRESS MATERIALS

Fine All-Wool Cloths, 50 inch wide, all new colors, regular \$1.25
Today..... 75c
New Silk and Wool Crepes, new shades, regular \$1.25. Today... 75c
New French Voiles, only a few shades left, regular \$1.50. Today 50c yard
Parasols and Sunshades all Reduced.

BOYS' BLOUSES

A fresh assortment for today's selling..... 35 and 50c

WHITE SHIRTS

About 300 White Dressed Shirts, all kinds—soiled—all values in the
lot were from 75c to \$1.50. Today..... 25c
\$1.50 Ceylon Flannel Shirts. Today..... \$1.00

A SPECIAL SUIT BARGAIN FOR MEN

Black Vicuna Suit, cutaway style, regular \$20.00. Today..... \$13.50

BOYS' SUITS

Still a good assortment of suits, sizes 22 to 27, at \$1.50
English Worsted Suits \$2.50

BOSSON ORE VALUES.

From Sandon-Review:
The Bosson shipped last month five cars
of ore. One car gave returns of \$1.00.

WINDSTORM AT KASLO.

From Kaslo-Kootenai:
A wind storm of unprecedented violence
swept Kaslo and Kootenay Lake yester-
day afternoon, doing considerable damage
to water front property. Just as the
wind was at its worst a fire alarm was
turned in, and a scene of wild excitement
ensued. Fortunately, the blaze, which oc-
curred in the empty Gallop building, was
extinguished little trouble owing to the
prompt action of W. J. Gockle, bringing
the Babcock Patent Extinguisher to play
upon the seat of the fire.

WORK IN SLOCAN.

From Phoenix Miner:
Michigan capital will be busy in the
Slocan this summer. A Detroit company
will work the Republic mine, on Erin
Mountain, in addition to the Sapphire and
other claims on Twelve Mile.

THE WALKING BOSS.

From Rossland World:
The miners are engaged in placing the
rock which is to be drilled on Coronation
day on the corner of Spokane and
First Avenue. The noteworthy point is
not this, but the fact that Frank Wood-
side, the secretary of the Miners' As-
sociation, is working with his coat off!
Quite a crowd gathered.

AN ENGLISH CAPITALIST.

From Nelson News:
R. Popkiss, managing director of the
London and B.C. Goldfields, E. Hooper,
also a director of the company, and S.
S. Fowler, general manager, returned to
Slocan Wednesday night after a trip
to inspect the Ymir and Boundary prop-
erties of the company. Mr. Hooper will
remain for some time in Nelson, and he
will visit most of the properties in which
the London and B.C. have an interest.
The object of the visit of the directors is
to gain a thorough knowledge of the con-
dition and working of their various un-
der takings, and to make a personal report to
the general board of directors.

THE SLOCAN STAR.

From Slocan Mining Review.
Byron N. White has been in the city for
the past week looking over things at the
Slocan Star, and talking them over with
his colleagues and assistants. He says
work the mine this summer. They have
some law suits on hand, and it will pay
better to look after them properly than
to let them pile up. A little develop-
ment and other important work will be
done, but that is all.

The Effect—Ding—"Are the police very
strict about Sunday saloon closing at
Highlandtown?"
"Well, what is the effect?"
The constable watch the side door so closely
that men have to enter through the front
door.—Baltimore Herald.

AN AFFLICTION TO
MANY WOMEN.

ITCHING OF THE SKIN AND ITCHING
PILES ARE THE SOURCE OF MUCH
ACUTE SUFFERING—WOMEN ARE
ENTHUSIASTIC IN PRAISE OF

Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Piles or hemorrhoids are small tumors
which form in and about the orifice of
the rectum. They are caused by an en-
larged and inflamed condition of the
veins which are very numerous in this
part of the body. As any obstruction of
these veins induces piles, it is very com-
mon for women during the expectant
period to suffer keenly from piles and
itching of the skin. To all such we can
commend Dr. Chase's Ointment with
every confidence that it will prove of
prompt and lasting benefit.

Mrs. W. E. Jeffries, 41 Hicks avenue,
Kingston, Ont., states—"I suffered
agonizingly with itching piles. In fact, I
don't believe that any person who has
not had piles can realize what I have
endured. I had tried many remedies and
almost despair of ever being cured,
when my husband brought me a box of
Dr. Chase's Ointment. The first applica-
tion brought relief, and after using
half a box I can truthfully say that I
was entirely cured. I give this recom-
mendation in hope that it will be the
means of bringing comfort and cure to
other women suffering as I did."

Mr. James Elliott, Gannanque, Ont.,
states—"My wife was greatly troubled
with piles, and put in an awful time of
it. She could not get relief from the
terrible itching and burning sensations.
I bought a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment,
and on the application she obtained re-
lief. After using the one box she was
cured of piles, and I can fully and
heartily recommend Dr. Chase's Oint-
ment to all who suffer from piles."

"If we could only make known the
virtues of Dr. Chase's Ointment there
would not be a family but would keep
it constantly on hand. It is the greatest
healer that the world has ever known,
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and burning of the skin. Go cents a box.
At all dealers or Edmondson, Bates &
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ROBBED BY CARD SHARPERS

Manitoba Man, Lured Into a Game, Loses Three Hundred Dollars.

Robert Gifford, a recent arrival from Manitoba, who is among the guests at the Victoria, mourns the loss of a roll of bills amounting to \$300—but he has gained knowledge. He was lured into a game of cards at the Victoria Gardens by three strangers, who left on the steamer Majestic on Wednesday night with his money. Supt. Hussey wired to the Seattle police giving a description of the men whose conduct on board the steamer was suspicious, and giving the number of the bills stolen, but the Seattle police did not arrest the men wanted.

Gifford entered into conversation with two men in the city, who, although he did not notice that they were anxious to converse with him. He said he was looking for some good land, and they said there was much good land up the coast. After some further conversation, they led him towards the Victoria Gardens, and suggested that they have refreshments there. They entered a private room, and ordered drinks, the partner of the crooks, who was dressed in a suit, being called in to make the fourth man in the game. The bets were small at the start, and the dupe won—his hands being great. Bets were increased and the luck changed. Finally, in the language of the crooks the duped man was all in—he had \$300 of his money.

He came back to the city late at night and notified the police, but they had been informed until long after the steamer left for Seattle, telephoned to Supt. Hussey, who telegraphed to Seattle asking the police there to arrest the men, but they were not received. Officers of the Majestic on their arrival yesterday stated that the crooks made themselves quite conspicuous on board the steamer, exhibiting their loot, which was mostly in bills of the Union Bank, and they called attention of several other passengers to the novel appearance of the bills.

Provincial Gazette. Notices Given in Yesterday's Issue of Official Publication.

Yesterday's Gazette contained notice of the following appointments: Lewis A. Lewis and John James Cambridge, of New Westminster, to be members of the board of managers of the Royal Columbian hospital, at the said city, for two years.

Archibald Campbell Strit, Vancouver, to be a notary public in and for the province.

The Governor-General-in-Council has approved of the change in the name of the City of Victoria, Ltd., to the P. B. Hayes Co., Ltd.

The American Type Foundry company has been registered as an extra-provincial company with the head office for the province at Vancouver, and B. C. Wilson, of that city, as attorney. The head office of this company is in Jersey City, N. J., and the capital is \$60,000.

The Commodore Mines, Limited, has been incorporated with capital of \$750,000 in \$10 shares; the Gordon (Commission) company, with a capital of \$10,000 to take over the business of Buchanan & Gordon, of London, and the Terminal Steamship company, with a capital of \$50,000.

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LARGE AMOUNT IS INVOLVED

Col. Hayes Charged With Obtaining \$25,000 Under False Pretences.

Col. G. H. Hayes, manager of the Nahmint Mining company, owing what are known as the Hayes Mines on Alberni canal, was arrested yesterday morning on a warrant issued at the instance of Capt. John Irving, who charged him with obtaining the sum of \$1,000 under false pretences. Col. Hayes appeared in the police court yesterday morning in answer to the charge, and the case was remanded until this morning, bail being granted in the sum of \$2,500.

Messrs. T. J. Burns were accepted as bondsmen. Later in the day Col. Hayes was again arrested, this time on a warrant charging him with obtaining the sum of \$25,000 under false pretences. Again he was allowed out on bail in the same amount, and with the same sureties. A third information has been sworn to charging him with obtaining \$25,000 to his own use.

The arrest is the outcome of a mining deal in which Col. Hayes and Capt. Irving were partners, and which has already been before the civil court. Capt. Irving alleges that in 1900 Col. Hayes came to him and said that he had an option on 10,000 shares in the Nahmint Mining company, which expired on August 1 of that year, the shares being owned by parties in Portland. Not having the money to pay for the shares, he asked Col. Hayes to endeavor to have the option extended for a month, and this was done, \$1,000 being paid down to bind the bargain. At the end of the month Col. Hayes made out for the balance of the amount, \$24,000, and the shares deposited as security. Capt. Irving in his statement of claim in the civil suit, says he has since expended \$25,000 under the agreement, and that the defendant has paid him \$1,200 as interest. It is further alleged that the shares were not delivered, but that they belonged to Col. Hayes himself, the inference being that he having found out that the property was worthless, unloaded some of his shares on Capt. Irving. The case will be called again this morning.

IN THE COURTS. Two More Cases Moved From Long Full Court List.

Argument was concluded yesterday in the Full court on the appeal from the judgment of the Chief Justice in the case of the Okell & Morris company, and the appeal was dismissed with costs.

Mr. Crease was given leave to introduce further evidence by affidavit in the Assessment Act and Lot L. Albern, and the appeal was stood over until the next sitting of the court.

The case for today is as follows: 1. Booker vs. E. & W. railway. 2. Ah Jan vs. Robertson. 3. Pither vs. Manly. 4. Crown Franchises Act and V. V. & E. Attorney-General vs. V. V. & E. COUNTY COURT.

A number of minor cases were disposed of in the County court yesterday in none of them more than a few dollars being involved. A lot of the cases were over until the next sitting of the court, and several others were settled out of court.

NEXT SUNDAY'S COLONIST. Valuable Historical Reminiscences of Volunteering in the Early Days—Work Point Barracks Described.

Next Sunday's issue will be a particularly meritorious number, and one that should be given a large circulation. A feature of special interest will be a reproduction of an old photograph of the first volunteers organized in this city at the time of the Great Affair. These volunteers include Dr. J. W. Powell and W. Homfray, besides the late B. W. Pearce, Captains Lang and Winter. Another picture shows a detachment of the Victoria battery of artillery at Fort Macanlay in 1878, the year of its organization. The group includes Major Dupont, late Hon. A. C. Elliott, late Dr. Matthews and many others of the old-timers. Besides these there will be a number of views of Work Point Barracks, the officers, non-commissioned officers and men. In fact a complete picture of the important Imperial establishment.

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The Methodist League of Spring Ridge intend holding a moonlight excursion on the evening of July 21, the special features of which will be made public through the columns of the press later on. The public, however, may look forward to a treat of more than usual interest.

An Oversight—The employee of the gas company was excited. "What's the matter?" asked the superintendent. "I've just found a street that hasn't been torn up for nearly 10 years," was the reply. "Send a gang of men out there at once," ordered the superintendent. —Chicago Evening Post.

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Field and Aquatic Sports and Big Regatta at Ladysmith on July 1, ending with a Grand Dance in the Pavilion. Victoria and other Bands will be in attendance. English excursion trains leave E. & N. depot at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Fare only one dollar return.

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Garden Tools of all kinds at Cheapside.

AN INVITATION. To the young and old Smokers. To those who are smokers. To the cigarette smokers. Come and pay us a call.

We ran out of rhyme just at this stage, but the invitation stands just the same. We intend to offer a prize for the best four-line poem on our business. Competition to begin at once. Campbell & Cullin's tobacco, and everything in the smoking line, 70 Government street, corner Trounce avenue.

Ruffled Curtains are more popular every season, and are more popular. It is not surprising that women have discovered their beauty for a window drapery at a moderate cost. Weller Bros.

Don't miss the Presbyterian Sunday schools' picnic at Goldstream on July 1. Trains leave E. & N. depot at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Dominion Day—Vancouver has again arranged a big celebration for Dominion Day, and Victorians are more than usually interested as a number of athletes from this city will take part in the sports. The Victoria lacrosse team plays there on that day, and a number of trap shooters will go over to endeavor to capture some of the prizes offered. Several of H. M. ships are going up to assist in the celebration. Special excursions will be run by the C. P. R.

Not Superstitions—Tess—"Don't you really believe in dreams?" Jess—"No, indeed. It's superstitious to believe in dreams, and, besides, it's a bad sign when you believe in them, for it usually brings you bad luck."—Philadelphia Press.

Not one in twenty are free from some little ailment caused by indigestion of the liver. Use Carter's Little Liver Pills. The result will be a pleasant surprise. They give positive relief.

NEW ARRIVALS FOR 1st of July

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..New Neckwear.. OF the Latest Designs

New Outing Shirts OF Fashionable Colorings

SEA & GOWEN, Mens' Furnishers and Hatters, 80 DOUGLAS ST.

Fire Insurance.

Heisterman & Co.

Local News.

'Progressive' Party.—Chris. Foley will be here Monday evening, to assist in the organization of a branch of the Provincial Progressive Party.

Swimming Baths.—The Pleasant street swimming baths were opened to the public yesterday, and the children's classes will start on Monday. The baths have been considerably improved.

Million in Gold.—The steamer Dolphin reached Seattle yesterday from Skagway, bringing down a million in Yukon gold and many passengers from the interior.

Mission Hall.—The Calvary Baptist church is making all preparation for the concert in the Mission Hall on Johnson street, Saturday evening. A good programme is expected.

David Ballantyne.—The Glasgow Weekly Mail, of May 31, contains the following advertisement: "John Ballantyne, of New Central hotel, Clyde street, Anderson, Glasgow, desires the address of David Ballantyne, last in Victoria, B. C."

White Horse District.—A map of the White Horse mining district, covering a scope of country nine miles by fifteen, an area of one hundred and thirty-five square miles, has been published by H. G. Dickson, C. E., D. L. S., White Horse, Y. T.

Again in Trouble.—Anderson, the lone mariner who made the trip from Nome in a small boat, and has been in all kinds of trouble, his latest escapade being in Seattle, where he was shot while trying to escape from a mob, has escaped from the Seattle hospital, where he was taken for treatment.

Jewish Services.—The Coronation service, fixed for this evening has been postponed. Service at congregation Emanuel corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets will be held at 7:30 p. m. this evening. Rev. Montague N. Cohen will preach on "Bible Criticism." There will be a short service of intercession and prayer. All are cordially invited to the services. Service will be held Saturday morning at 10:15.

Commendable.—The example of one little girl whose record for the past term was made known at the examination of the Girls' Central school on Wednesday, is worthy of more than passing notice. This pupil had never missed a day during the term, therefore she was awarded the record for regularity, she lost no marks for tardiness; was equally meritorious as regards deportment, and passed the examination at the head of her class. This bright and faithful pupil is a daughter of Mr. Jos. Baker.

Many Visitors.—Despite the postponement of the coronation celebration, the city was crowded with visitors yesterday. Besides the large crowd brought in by the steamer City of Seattle from Tacoma, both the Majestic and Rosalie brought over large crowds yesterday, and the day before, the Victoria brought over a large number of excursionists, so that the fact that the company did not cancel the excursion rates, announced for the celebration, but are granting them as advertised. The Majestic will make an extra trip today, arriving and departing on her regular time.

To Make Them Connect.—Ald. Barnard will move at the next meeting of the City Council that the city engineer be instructed to connect the water works with the public sewers the premises of those property owners, a list of whom were reported to the council in February, as not having made connection with the sewer, and that others who have not connected be notified to comply with the by-law, and if they do not to likewise proceed to connect the property with the sewer.

The excursionists of the City of Seattle, laden with kodaks and cameras, spent their time journeying to the principal points of interest, starting from the museum, junketing to Esquimaux on special cars, driving to Oak Bay and elsewhere, boating to the Arm, and in other ways. They left for home last night.

MINING ON THE SKEENA. Wealthy New York Syndicate Spending \$100,000 a Year on Development.

S. Arden Singlehurst was in town this week and left by yesterday's steamer for Vancouver. For several years Mr. Singlehurst has been at work on copper claims at Kitchikan, Skeena river, and up to the present time has expended \$100,000 a year in being spent in opening up and proving the work.

Very little has been said concerning this enterprise in which Elton and that work is being pushed with vigor may be judged when it is stated that Mr. Singlehurst has from 60 to 70 men at work on the claims on the Skeena, and recently the syndicate has been capitalized at \$600,000 in shares of \$5 each. Alfred Skitt, of New York, is president, while the management and superintendence of the work is in the hands of Mr. Singlehurst.

The location of the claims being worked is above the canyon of the Skeena river, and until a road has been built communication and development of the claims is greatly retarded. In this connection the provincial government always alive to the opening up of new country, has come to the rescue of this and other concerns working on the Skeena, and has made provisions in the sum of \$50,000 for a wagon road to the mines. The lack of quick mail communication with the outside world is a great drawback at present as in some cases firms and six days are required to get a letter from Skeena to Victoria. With the sparsely settled country along the Coast as far North as the Skeena, it is difficult to get in the way of improved mail service, but the interest now centering around the mouth of the Skeena and the adjacent territory would seem to warrant an effort being made to give better mail facilities.

Tourist Association.—The following ladies and gentlemen called at the Tourist Association, 34 Port street yesterday: A. W. Allen, Kaslo, B. C.; Jos. Skelding, Nepeawa, Man.; H. B. Brownell, St. Louis, Mo.; R. B. Browlee, St. Louis, Mo.; D. S. Hunt, St. Louis, Mo.; G. Frizell, D. S. Minnedosa, Man.; H. J. Arnetage, Minnedosa, Man.; Mrs. F. C. Curtis, Butte, Mont.; Mrs. C. D. Wason, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. E. M. Hawley, Butte, Mont.; Mrs. F. B. Hazleton, Nepeawa, Man.; E. J. Harget, Moose Jaw, Assn.; C. F. Booth, Butte, Mont.; A. Jagger, Moose Jaw, Assn.; C. Field, Moose Jaw, Assn.; P. G. M. Rutherford, Siam. These are exclusive of the excursionists on the S. S. City of Seattle. All visitors to the city are cordially invited to come to the rooms, where all information about the city and suburbs will be gladly given.

CANADIAN YEAR BOOK. "The Canadian Year Book," published by Alfred Hewitt of Toronto, has made its appearance for the year. It is not on the same lines as the year book published by the Dominion government, but is just what the people need. It contains a vast amount of information in handy form. It gives the tariff, sporting records, trade and other statistics, militia lists, brief histories of Canada and various other information about Canadian affairs that makes it a very handy book of reference.

